

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5        This invention is intended to perform a  
mounting/dismounting or replacement of a print head and  
ink tank mounted on the carriage without contaminating a  
print medium including a tray when performing an ink jet  
printing using the tray. For this purpose, the tray  
guide that supports the tray so that it can be fed is  
removably mounted to the printing apparatus. Whether  
10       this tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus is  
detected by the tray guide sensor. According to a  
result of detection by this tray guide sensor, the  
control unit for controlling the driving of the carriage  
controls the position of the carriage in the main scan  
15       direction.

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